

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.8 Sinclair Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Integrative Medical Massage Therapy

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Sinclair Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree
in Integrative Medical Massage Therapy

BACKGROUND

SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science degree in Integrative Medical Massage Therapy

Medical massage therapy is now being seen as a 'first career'. Prior to this time, massage therapy was been viewed as a 'second' or 'back up' career to individuals interested in this field. The growth of this field is evident as primary care physicians and family practitioners are encouraging their patients to pursue massage therapy as a complement to medical treatment.

Sinclair Community College's program in Integrative Medical Massage Therapy will combine courses related to health, wellness, business and massage therapy. The program will provide students with the practical training needed, knowledge of sound business practices and effective business and interpersonal communication. The curriculum developed will prepare graduates to pass the State of Ohio Medical Board examination in Medical Massage Therapy.

The degree is a collaborative effort between the Self Health Institute of Lebanon, Ohio and has been a certified school in massage therapy since 1982. To meet state licensing standards the core massage therapy courses will be taught by Self Health Institute faculty.

Graduates of the program will be prepared for career opportunities as medical massage therapists in sports medicine, chronic pain clinics, medical offices, Fitness and Wellness Centers, Chiropractic offices, as well as the traditional private practice offices.